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SUBJ: RED FLAG COMMENTARY ON DICTATORSHIP

REF: HONG KONG 3508

1. RED FLAG'S COMMENTARY ON STUDY OF THE DICTATORSHIP QUESTION (APRIL ISSUE) ILLUSTRATES THE CAREFUL BALANCE THE REGIME IS TRYING TO STRIKE BETWEEN PURSUIT OF ECONOMIC GOALS AND ADHERENCE TO IDEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES. IT ASSERTS THE CENTER'S DETERMINATION TO "CLEAR OUT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOURGEOIS IN THE PARTY", BUT SEEKS TO CALM THE FEARS OF SOME THAT "DISORDER" WILL RESULT. "NATIONWIDE STABILITY AND UNITY" IS PRECISELY THE AIM OF THE MOVEMENT, THE COMMENTARY SAYS, AND REFLECTING A CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE TOWARD WRONG-DOERS, CADRES ARE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO THROW OFF THEIR BAD HABITS. DESCRIBING THIS CONCILIATION AS "CHAIRMAN MAO'S CONSISTENT POLICY", THE COMMENTARY CONTINUES THE PRACTICE FOLLOWED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CAMPAIGN TO USE THE CHAIRMAN'S NAME TO LEGITIMIZE THE CURRENT COURSE.

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2. ALTHOUGHT THIS IS THE STRONGEST HINT OF FUTURE TROUBLE
FOR ERRANT CADRES, IT IS STILL COUCHED IN THE SAME CAUTIOUS TERMS
THAT THE REGIME HAS BEEN USING (HONG KONG 2796). THE
COMMENTARY THEME, LINKING THEORY WITH PRACTICE, IS DIRECTED
TO STUDY AND ANALYSIS BECAUSE "STUDY HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN".
IN PARTICULAR, POLICIES AND SYSTEMS REQUIRE DETAILED UNDER-
STANDING AND SO PRUDENT ACTIONS AND RESTRAINT ARE CALLED FOR
(HONG KONG 3006). IN DECIDING ON THESE POLICIES, EACH CASE
MUST BE HANDLED ON ITS OWN AND EVEN THIS PRUDENT ACTION CAN
ONLY BE INITIATED AFTER COMPREHENSIVE AND DETAILED STUDY.
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